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SUBJECT: DPC RESTRICTED SESSION - MEETING WITH SYG

1. IT APPEARS NOW THAT, BECAUSE OF CONFLICTS IN SCHEDULES, IT WILL BE DIFFICULT, IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE, TO ARRANGE A SUITABLE MEETING TIME BETWEEN SECRETARY SCHLESINGER AND SYG LUNS PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF THE DPC MINISTERIAL. WE HOPE FOR AT LEAST A BRIEF OFFICE CALL JUST PRIOR TO THE OPENING OF THE SESSION ON 22 MAY, AND REQUEST MISSION TRY TO ARRANGE THIS. HOWEVER, WE CONSIDER A MORE HIGHLY SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION WITH THE SYG IMPORTANT TO ASSURE BEST MANAGEMENT OF THE SEVERAL SENSITIVE ISSUES WHICH WILL ARISE DURING THE DPC RESTRICTED SESSION.

2. THEREFORE, SECRETARY SCHLESINGER WOULD APPRECIATE AMBASSADOR BRUCE'S GOOD OFFICES IN APPROACHING LUNS TO
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REVIEW THE HANDLING OF THE RESTRICTED SESSION IN GENERAL, AND SUCH ISSUES AS TURKEY, GREECE, PORTUGAL, SPAIN AND DEFENSE BUDGETS IN PARTICULAR. WOULD APPRECIATE AMBASSADOR TELLING LUNS THAT SECDEF IS CONSIDERING RAISING

THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. THE FIRST POINT OF OUR CONCERN IS RAISED BY

CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT ON THE STRATEGIC SITUATION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN. WE UNDERSTAND LUNS EXPECTS TO BRING THIS UP IN THE RESTRICTED SESSION. THE REPORT MAY PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SOME COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY TURKEY, TO RAISE ISSUES WHICH MIGHT BE AWKWARD FOR THE US. SECDEF WILL BE PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN A DISCUSSION OF THE COMPLEX AND VEXATIOUS ISSUES WHICH ARE INHERENT IN THIS SUBJECT. BUT IT IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY CLEAR TO US THAT THE PROBLEMS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN SHOULD ALSO BE OF PRINCIPAL CONCERN TO THE EUROPEANS AND THUS WE WANT TO ENCOURAGE OUR EUROPEAN ALLIES TO TAKE AN ACTIVE ROLE IN SEEKING RESOLUTION OF THESE PROBLEMS. WE WOULD HOPE SYG LUNS WOULD ATTEMPT TO STIMULATE A BROAD RANGING DISCUSSION BY EUROPEAN MODS.

B. SECDEF PLANS TO DISCUSS THE US DEFENSE BUDGET AND WHAT IT MEANS TO NATO. EUROPEAN INTEREST IN US ANNUAL BUDGET DEBATES IS WELL KNOWN AND CLEAR. RESPONDING TO SUCH INTEREST, HE WILL QTE TELL IT AS IT IS, UNQTE EXPLAIN WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH, AND MENTION HOW THE BUDGET IS FARING ON THE HILL. SECDEF HOPES LUNS WILL THEN GENERATE A FRANK DISCUSSION AMONG THE MODS OF THEIR DEFENSE BUDGETS AND EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN A LONG TERM, CREDIBLE NATO DEFENSE.

C. WE HOPE THIS WILL NOT TURN INTO A HAND-WRINGING SESSION ABOUT HOW BAD THE ECONOMIC SITUATION CAN GET, BUT INSTEAD WOULD LEAD TO A CONSTRUCTIVE ASSESSMENT OF

WHAT ALL THE NATIONS ARE DOING IN TRYING TO MATCH WARSAW PACT RESOURCE INCREASES. THIS TYPE OF DISCUSSION MAY PREPARE THE WAY FOR A SERIOUS REVIEW OF RATIONALIZATION
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AND STANDARDIZATION PROGRAMS AND PROSPECTS IN THE OPEN DPC MEETING.

D. THE NATO REPORT ON ECONOMIC TRENDS IN EAST AND WEST DOES NOT APPEAR TO HAVE THE SUBSTANCE TO TRIGGER A PROVOCATIVE DISCUSSION AMONG MODS BUT RATHER MAY BE COMPLEMENTARY TO OTHER SUBJECTS- SECDEF MAY FIND OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON THE RELATIVE INDUSTRIAL CAPACITIES OF EAST AND WEST AS A FACTOR IN THE STRATEGIC BALANCE.

E. SECDEF WILL BRIEFLY REVIEW PROGRESS ON THE THREE ASPECTS OF THE NUNN AMENDMENT: CONVERSION OF SUPPORT TO COMBAT FORCES, STANDARDIZATION, AND THE THEATER NUCLEAR

FORCE POSTURE IN EUROPE.

F. CONCERNING THE INCREASE OF COMBAT CAPABILITIES, SECDEF WOULD REPORT STATUS OF PLANNING AND NEGOTIATIONS CONCERNING THE DEPLOYMENT OF BRIGADES 75 AND 76, AND WELCOME THE ASSISTANCE OF SACEUR. THE NUNN STANDARDIZATION REPORT SERVES TO UNDERSCORE THE SERIOUS INTENT OF THE US IN PARTICIPATING IN PROGRAMS OF COOPERATION TO INCREASE MILITARY EFFECTIVENESS OF NATO FORCES. MOST OF THE DETAILS OF THE NUNN-RELATED ACTIONS ON THEATER NUCLEAR POSTURE WILL BE LEFT FOR THE NPG, BUT SECDEF IS EXPECTED TO STRESS THE NEED FOR MEASURES TO IMPROVE SITE SECURITY.

G. SECDEF PRESENTLY EXPECTS TO DISCUSS, IN MORE OR LESS DETAIL, THE SPANISH/EUROPEAN DEFENSE LINKAGE. PERHAPS BY TOUCHING ON THE PROGRESS OF OUR BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH SPAIN, HE WOULD ENLARGE UPON THE PRESENT AND POTENTIAL SPANISH MILITARY CONTRIBUTION TO WESTERN EUROPEAN DEFENSE. WE WOULD HOPE, WITH LUNS' HELP, TO EXPLORE CAUTIOUSLY AMONG MODS AN APPROPRIATE RELATIONSHIP FOR SPAIN WITH THE ALLIANCE, PERHAPS FOCUSING INITIALLY ON STEPS TOWARD MILITARY COOPERATION, AND AIM TOWARD SOME FORM OF RECOGNITION BY THE ALLIES OF THE POTENTIAL SPANISH CONTRIBUTION. SEE SEPTTEL ON THIS SUBJECT.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE LUNS' REACTION TOGETHER WITH ANY SUGGESTIONS HE MIGHT HAVE ON HOW BEST TO ACCOMPLISH THE OBJECTIVES WE'VE OUTLINED ABOVE AND HOW SECDEF MIGHT
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